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NEWSLETTER

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STARRING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE, the stage is set and final preparations are being completed for this 50th anniversary conference of the Montana Library Association in Great Falls, May 10-12. This is the event of the year for those in the library world and for everyone who enjoys meeting and hearing Montana authors, discussing his favorite books and listening to the experts resolve your library problems. Here is an urgent and cordial invitation to gather in Great Falls for this momentous affair.

THE COLLEGE AND RESEARCH DIVISION of the Montana Library Association will meet at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 11th following the Business Session, reports Lucile Speer, Chairman.

BOOKPLATE FOR A PRESIDENT, Lesley Heathcote, Librarian of Montana State College Library sends word of a fascinating National Library Week project. That college is sponsoring a contest to design a personal bookplate for President Kennedy. The idea originated with Mrs. Mary Strickland, first assistant in the Library Circulation Department. Dr. Kuroda of the Philosophy Department and Roger Remington of the School of Art are helping with the competition and the winning entry will be printed and sent to Washington D.C. to be presented to the President by Dr. Renne or Senators Mansfield or Metcalf. There will be prizes and honorable mention for the winner of this unique artistic achievement.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR, Mrs. Robert Herrig, Librarian of the Lincoln County Free Library, was so named by the Kootenai Business and Professional Women on March 30th. 100 persons honored Inez at a dinner in Libby where representatives of many organizations paid tribute to her for her varied interests and her valued contribution as a civic leader.

AGAIN WHITEFISH LIBRARY receives recognition. In Vol. 1, No. 1, of THE LIBRARIAN, a new publication from Mr. J. A. Mayer, Manager of the College Place Bindery, College Place, Washington, the first issue is devoted entirely to the Whitefish Library, its beginnings and development, plus many handsome photos.

THE NORTHWEST MONTANA FEDERATION OF LIBRARIES met in Kalispell on March 29 for an afternoon and evening session with Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, State Librarian, librarians of the federation and members of the Board of Trustees. The following day all of the librarians repaired to Libby to honor Coordinator, Inez Herrig, at her Woman of the Year celebration.

WATT MEDAL MYSTERY AWARD WINNER, PEGGY SCHERF, of Kalispell was guest speaker March 26 at a program sponsored by the Whitefish Library Association.

FUTURE LIBRARIANS, the Montana Student Librarians Association held their annual conference in Great Falls at Central Catholic High School April 6. 150 student librarians attended and elected the following officers: Lynne Tacke, Central Catholic High, President; Kerry Obrecht, Cascade High, Vice-President; Robbie Friedl, Central Catholic High, Treasurer; Beverly Faurote, Choteau High, Historian; Sherry Long, Missoula County High, Secretary. A letter from the new president and report of yearly activities is enclosed for all school librarians.

TO TELL THE LIBRARY STORY, a leaflet called "Publications. . . Why When FOR WHOM" is enclosed for all Montana public libraries. This brochure is one of a series prepared by the Public Relations Section of the American Library Association.

PROJECT COMPLETED, public and branch libraries will soon receive the balance of the Small Library Project pamphlets. This program terminates May 1 and those libraries who have this collection may be sure they have a complete course in library science in the set.

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PICTORIAL A, B, C'S, H. A. Rey's charming poster "Curious George Learns the Alphabet" is free and may be obtained from Houghton-Mifflin, 2 Park Street, Boston 7, Massachusetts.

BIG GIFTS IN BIG TIMBER, the Pioneer Society has generously donated 50 additional volumes to the Montana section of the Big Timber Carnegie Library. These books concern Montana and the West and are a splendid contribution to the Library.

THEY'VE MOVED, the Medicine Lake Public Library has a new location on East Main in the old Cozy Cafe building just west of the Land Apartments. Mrs. O. J. Haukeness, Librarian, announced the interior had been painted and a supply of new books had arrived.

STORY HOUR IN STEVENSVILLE, the first in a series of story hours began March 23rd. The Stevensville Women's Club sponsors this program and invites every age group to attend.

MEMORIAL TO JIM RYAN, a shelf of art books will be given to the Rosebud County Library in Forsyth by the Jim Ryan Memorial Committee in memory of the artist.

GRAND OPENING, the Glasgow Air Force Base Library held opening ceremonies on April 21st. Librarian Anne Douglass's invitation read, "Building 715 - Exciting new furnishings, rooms for hi-fi and stero - - books of all sorts to lure you to far off dreams."

DIRECTORY ADDITION FOR FORSYTH, Mrs. Wayne A. (Marian) Larson is the new librarian of the Rosebud County Library. Mrs. Beth Makin has been appointed her assistant. Do make this change in your 1963 Library Directory. Welcome, Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Makin.!

GOLDEN E. BIBEE'S ADDRESS, please write to Mr. Bibee in Big Arm, Montana, for the following Montaniana booklets which he will furnish to libraries: Golden Harvest - a gathering of rhymes; Golden Treasures; In the Realm of Flathead Lake; A Peep at People; and Ranch Ramblings. The prices are: 1 full set of 5 books $2.15 postpaid; 2 full sets, 10 books for $4.00 postpaid; one Golden Harvest .30¢ postpaid. Mr. Bibee's full address was omitted in the March Newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Montana Library Association conference, Great Falls, May 10-12, 1963

ALA conference, Chicago, July 14-20, 1963

Pacific Northwest Library Association conference, Yakima, Aug. 28-30, 1963